

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A lifting system for a hitch mechanism is provided. The lifting system includes a raise/lower member; an intermediate mechanism to move the raise/lower member between a lower position and an upper position; and a control for causing the intermediate mechanism to move the raise/lower member from one position to the other.

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